Expenditure for experts on Building works, Town planning and Irrigation.

103. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the money spent towards payment of fees, travelling allowance, etc., for experts whose opinions were sought for in (a) Building works (b) Town planning (c) Irrigation (d) Hydro-Electric;

(2) are these debited to P. W. D. expenditure; if not, to what head of account?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) (a) *Building Works*:—Mr. Dann, the Town planning expert, was paid Rs. 600 for the survey of the Maharaja's College extension works and Rs. 100 for the General Hospital, Ernakulam.

(b) *Town planning*:—Mr. Dann was given Rs. 100 for inspection works in the Trichur Town.

(c) *Irrigation*:—Rs. 3,171—14—0 on account of fees and T. A. to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Madras, for investigation of the Karuvannur flood prevention scheme.

(2) Rs. 852—15—0. Contribution for pension, leave, salary, etc., of the Madras Engineer.

(3) Rs. 62—6—6 for his entertainment as State Guest.

(d) *Hydro-Electric*:—Messrs. Rendal Palmer and Tritton, Consulting Engineers, were paid Rs. 33,571—11—8.

(2) Yes. All except (1) Rs. 100 for the inspection work of the Trichur Town and (2) Rs. 62—6—6 for the entertainment of the Irrigation Chief Engineer as State Guest. The former was debited to the Trichur Municipal funds and the latter to the Entertainment of State Guests.

Puthuviruthy Water Pandal.

104. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a site (inclusive of a well) was not surrendered to the Panchayat Department in the Puthuviruthi Village (per Survey No. 155) for putting up a permanent water shed there in the year 1105;

(b) has the permanent shed been put up or the well repaired;

(c) what was the then market value of the property (including the well) surrendered;

(d) what would be the probable cost of putting up the shed and repairing the well;

(e) what is the reason for not giving effect to the understanding underlying the surrender;

(f) cannot the work be included in the budget for 1109?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) There was an offer of surrender

(b) No.

(c) Rs. 35.

(d) The probable cost of putting up the shed will come to Rs. 220 and that of repairing the well Rs. 200.

(e) The surrender has not been made. Government have not given any promise. The work itself is not very urgent.

(f) The well work will be taken up in 1109 according to the availability of funds if the party surrenders necessary site unconditionally.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-clause (a). Was the offer accepted or rejected?

Mr. P. V. Rapheal.—It was not accepted.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was it rejected?

Mr. P. V. Rapheal.—The offer was given and an order was passed that it should be accepted when it was made unconditionally.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was the offer accompanied by any condition?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What was that, please?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That the water pandal must be put up immediately and the well also repaired immediately.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there such a great necessity for a well there?

Mr. P. V. Rapheal.—So far as I have understood and made enquiries subsequently, there is not much of water scarcity for drinking and other purposes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a very crowded locality considering the rural areas?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There are more crowded localities elsewhere.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is the water pandal used by those who want to drink water?

Mr. P. V. Rapheal.—It is intended for travellers and for that purpose we are maintaining a temporary water pandal. That was not found to be an urgent necessity. It is a permanent building that is wanted.

Markets—Income from.

105. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the public markets in the State with the approximate income derived from them every year;

(b) the names of private markets in the State with the approximate income which they bring to the State?

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